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Commissioner of Education,

Dear Sir -

I am in receipt of yours of the 17th inst. The editions of the reports you speak of, [1877, 1878, 1879, 1880.] are exhausted.

Yours respectfully,

[illegible] Supt. of Pub. Inst.

Ans. at letter, [illegible], 1888.

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REPORT FOR 1875.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TUCSON, ARIZONA, Jan. 22, 1877.

Hon. King S. Woolsey, President of the Council:

I herewith transmit to the Honorable body over which you preside, copies of my Report to the Board of Education for the years 1875–76, showing the condition of the Public Schools of the Territory of Arizona.

A. P. K. SAFFORD, Governor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TUCSON, Feb. 15, 1876.

To the Hon. Board of Education of the Territory of Arizona:

As required by law, I have the honor to submit my Annual Report of the condition and progress of the Public Schools in the Territory during the year ending December 31, 1875, as follows:

YAVAPAI COUNTY

Receipts:—Cash on hand December 31, 1874, $1994 07. Cash received from various sources during the year ending December 31, 1875, viz: From the Territory, $1174 18; from the County, $3045 01; from contributions, $19. Total receipts, $6,232 26.

Disbursements:—Cash paid on various accounts during the

year ending December 31, 1875, viz: To teachers, $1563; for books, $87 64: for salaries of officers, $298 60. Total disbursements, $1949 24.

Balance on hand December 31, 1875, $4283 02.

Number of public schools in the county, 2: number of children attending public schools, 130. Average daily attendance, 101. School has been taught ten and a half months during the year in district No. 1, and three and a half months in district No. 2. One male and one female teacher have been employed during the year, at a salary of $150 and $75, per month, respectively. Total number of children in the county between the ages of six and twenty-one years, 433, of whom 232 are boys and 201 are girls. Total number of children between the ages of eight and fourteen years, 194, of whom 118 are boys and 76 are girls. Of those between the ages of six and twenty-one years, 165 can read and write; of those between the ages of eight and fourteen, 121 can read and write. Leaving 268 between the former ages, and 73 between the latter, who cannot read and write.

The Superintendent of Public Schools in the County, Hon. H. H. Cartter, reports that the school accommodations have been inadequate for the number of children that have applied for admission. Large additions will soon be made to the school-room at Prescott. Two additional teachers will be required. Four new school districts will soon be organized in the county.

YUMA COUNTY.

Receipts:—Cash on hand December 31, 1874, $518 16. Cash received from various sources during the year ending December 31, 1875, viz: From the Territory, $1008 63; from the county, $1205 88; from contributions, $657 04. Total receipts, $3389 71.

Disbursements:—Cash paid on various accounts during the year ending December 31, 1875, viz: To teachers, $2547 54; for books and other expenses, $334 26; for salaries of officers, $170. Total disbursements, $3051 80.

Balance on hand December 31, 1875, $337 91.

Number of public schools in the County, 3. Number of children attending the public schools, 120 Average daily attendance, 95 7-9. The schools have been taught nine months during the year. One male and two female teachers have been employed, at an average salary of $100 per month. Total number of children in the county between the ages of six and twenty-one years, 598, of which 311 are boys and 287 are girls. Total number of children in the county between the ages of eight and fourteen years, 285, of which 141 are boys and 144 are girls. Of those between the ages of six and twenty-one years, 131 can read and write; of those between the ages of eight and fourteen, 101 can read and write. Leaving 467 between the ages of six and twenty-one that cannot read and write, and between the ages of eight and fourteen years, 184 that cannot read and write.

The Hon. H. N. Alexander, Superintendent of Public Schools for the county, reports excellent progress made by the pupils, that the interest taken in the Public Schools is constantly increasing and that the school-room is inadequate for the numbers that apply for admission.

MARICOPA COUNTY.

Receipts.—Cash on hand December 31, 1874, $2 75. Cash received from various sources, during the year ending December 31, 1875, viz; From the Territory, $621 41; from the county, $879 07. Total receipts, $1503 23.

Disbursements:—Cash paid on various accounts during the year ending December 31, 1875, viz: To teachers, $1139; for taking census, $80; to Pinal County, on division, $27 26; for wood and sundries, $19 38; for repairs, $12; to Superintendent, $75. Total disbursements, $1352 64.

Balance on hand December 31, 1875, $150 59.

Number of Public Schools in the County, 3. Number of children attending the Public Schools, 91. Average daily attendance, 66 In District No. 1, school has been taught eight months, and in Districts Nos 2 and 3, three months each, during the year. One male and two female teachers

have been employed at an average salary of $90 each, per month. Total number of children in the County between the ages of six and twenty-one years, 314, of which 153 are boys and 161 are girls. Total number of children in the County between the ages of eight and fourteen, 134, of which 71 are boys and 63 are girls. Between the ages of six and twenty-one, 97 can read and write Between the ages of eight and fourteen, 48 can read and write. Leaving 217 children that cannot read and write, and between the ages of eight and fourteen, 86 that cannot read and write.

The Hon. J. T. Alsap, Superintendent of Public Schools in the County, reports that the progress of the pupils has been excellent.

PINAL COUNTY.

Receipts: Cash received by contributions during the year ending December 31, 1875, $285; from other sources during the same time, $1286 73. Total receipts, $1571 73.

Disbursements: Cash paid on various accounts during the year ending, December 31, 1875, viz: To teachers, $376; for books, $60; for furniture, $100; for salaries of officers, $86 10. Total disbursements, $622 10.

Balance on hand December 31, 1875, $949 63

Number of public schools in the county, 1. Number of children attending, 48 Average daily attendance, 26 3-9 School has been taught seven months during the year. A female teacher has been employed at a salary of $75 per month. Total number of children in the county between the ages of six and twenty-one years, 119, of whom 60 are boys and 59 are girls. Total number of children in the County between the ages of eight and fourteen years, 60, of whom 25 are boys and 35 girls. Of those between the ages of six and twenty-one years, 25 can read and write, and of those between the ages of eight and fourteen, 18 can read and write. Leaving 94 children between the ages of six and twenty-one years, that cannot read and write, and 42 between the ages of eight and fourteen, that cannot read and write.

MOHAVE COUNTY

No report has yet been received of the financial condition of the Public Schools in Mohave County.

The number of children in the County is reported to be 38 between the ages of six and twenty-one years, of whom 22 are boys and 16 girls. The number of children between eight and fourteen years of age is 20, of whom 13 are boys and 7 girls. Of those between the ages of six and twenty-one, 16 can read and write, and of those between the ages of eight and fourteen, 4 can read and write. Leaving 22 between the ages of six and twenty-one years who cannot read and write, and 16 between the ages of eight and fourteen, who cannot read and write.

PIMA COUNTY

Receipts:—Cash on hand December 15, 1874, $1111 94. Cash received from various sources during the year ending December 31, 1875, viz: From the Territory, $1744 55; from the County, $3292 20; from contributions, $9914 30. Total receipts, $16,062 99.

Disbursements:—Cash paid on various accounts, during the year ending December 31, 1875, viz: To teachers, $2513,-5; for rent, $300; for books, $77 15; for taking census, $85; for furniture, $1457 65; for wood, $17 50; for building school-house, $9,781 96; paid to Pinal County, $484 39; for salaries of officers, $125. Total disbursements, $14,842 40.

Balance on hand December 31, 1875, $1220 59.

Number of public schools in the county, 2. Number of children attending, 171. Average daily attendance, 122⅔. In district No. 1, school has been taught nine months during the year, and in district No. 2, two months during the year. Two male teachers have been employed at a salary of $100 per month each, and two male teachers have been employed, one at $125 and the other at $30 per month. Total number of children in the county between the ages of six and twenty-one years, 1006, of whom 487 are boys and 519 girls. Total number of children between the ages of eight and fourteen years, 432, of whom 216 are boys and 216 are girls. Of those

between the ages of six and twenty-one years, 474 can read and write. Of those between the ages of eight and fourteen, 238 can read and write. Leaving 532 between the ages of six and twenty-one, and 194 between the ages of eight and fourteen that cannot read and write.

A school-house has been erected in Tucson during the year, at a cost of $9,781 96, and paid by donations from the people. In this school three teachers are employed. There are three rooms in the building, one occupied by girls, one by boys of higher grade in studies, and the third by boys in primary studies. The boys in the primary room are taught Spanish and English. In the other rooms English only is taught. From the rapid increase it is apparent that by next term an addition will have to be made to the present school-house, and two more teachers will be required.

The County Superintendent, Hon. W. J. Osborn, reports the progress of the children as remarkably good. A new school district has been applied for on the upper Gila, and others will undoubtedly be organized during the coming year.

RECAPITULATION

The total receipts from all sources, by counties, during the year ending December 31, 1875, are as follows:

Yuma County	$ 3,389 71
Maricopa County	1,503 23
Pinal County	1,571 73
Yavapai County	6,232 26
Pima County	16,062 99
Mohave County	not stated.
Total Receipts	$28,759 92

Showing an increase over the receipts for the previous year of $16,986 77.

The total disbursements, by counties, for the year ending December 31, 1875, were as follows:

Yuma County	$ 3,051 80
Maricopa County	1,352 64

Pinal County	622 10
Yavapai County	4,283 02
Pima County	14,842 40
Mohave County	not stated.
Total Disbursements	$24,151 96

Exceeding the expenditures for public school purposes during the previous year, by $14.999 82.

Balance on hand in the Territory on December 31, 1875, $4607 96.

The total number of children in the Territory, between the ages of six and twenty-one years, reported up to December 31, 1875, are as follows by counties:

Yavapai County	433
Yuma County	598
Maricopa County	314
Pinal County	119
Mohave County	38
Pima County	1006
Total number	2508

Of these 2508 children, 1265 are boys and 1243 are girls, and of these, 908 can read and write, leaving 1600 who cannot read and write. The large proportion reported as unable to read and write is a source of regret, but it must be borne in mind that it is only about three years since the Public School system has been put into successful operation, and from want of school-houses and means to defray the expenses of schools, a large number of the children were unable to find school accommodations. But the school revenue is constantly increasing, and it is to be hoped that in a short time, every child within Arizona will have an opportunity of obtaining the rudiments of an education.

Very respectfully,

A. P. K. SAFFORD, Governor.

REPORT FOR 1876

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TUCSON, ARIZONA, Jan. 22, 1877.

To the Hon. Board of Education of the Territory of Arizona:

I herewith submit my Annual Report of the condition and progress of the Public Schools in the Territory during the year ending December 31, 1876, as follows:

YAVAPAI COUNTY.

Cash on hand December 31, 1875, $4283 02. Received from Territorial School Fund, $1077 51; from County School Fund, $189 50; from District Tax and contributions, $11,789,-26. Total receipts from all sources, $17,339 30.

Cash paid out as follows: To teachers, $2413; for rent, books, furniture and school-house, $14,565 98; for salary and other expenses, $116, total disbursements, $17,094 98. Balance on hand December 31, 1876, $244 32.

Number of Public Schools in the County, 6. 237 children are returned as having attended Public School, with an average daily attendance of 190 1-2.

School has been taught in District No 1, eight months; 2, nine months; No 3, three months; No 4, three ; No. 5, two months. The salaries paid teachers from $75 to 150 per month.

Total number of children in the County between the ages of six and twenty-one years, 639, of whom 360 are boys and 279 are girls: of the number 237 have attended the Public School, and 256 can read and write. During the year 1876, a school-house has been erected at Prescott at a cost of $17,339 30. It is a two-story brick house furnished complete, and is capable of seating comfortably about 200 pupils; it was constructed mainly by money raised by contribution and district taxation and is an ornament to the place and a credit to the Territory.

PIMA COUNTY

Cash on hand December 31, 1875, $1220 59; from Territorial School Fund, $1308 28; from County School Fund, $3533 05; from contributions, $414 18 Total receipts, $6576 10.

Cash paid out as follows: To teachers, $3630; for rent, furniture and building school-house, $1840 33; Salary and other expenses: $100. Total disbursements, $5570 33. Balance on hand December 31, 1876, $1005 77.

There are in the County 5 Public Schools, attended by 206 children, with a daily average attendance of 161. The two schools at Tucson have been taught ten months during the year; at San Pedro, six months; Safford, seven months, and Tubac one month. Five male and one female teachers have been employed at an average salary of $100 per month. The total number of children in the County between the ages of six and twenty-one years are, 1282, of whom 613 are boys and 669 are girls; 575 are reported as having attended school, and 712 can read and write, leaving 570 who cannot read and write.

YUMA COUNTY

Cash on hand December 31, 1875, $337 91. Received from Territorial Fund, $1020 79; from County Fund, $992 77; from contributions, $129 86. Total receipts, $2481 33.

Disbursements: Cash paid teachers, $1800; for r
furniture and building, $387 63; for salary and other ex
$140. Total disbursements, $2327 62. Balance on

cember 31, 1876, $153 71.

There are in the County 3 Public Schools. The two schools at Yuma have been taught eight months during the year, and the school at Ehrenberg four months. 126 children are reported attending Public School, with an average daily attendance of 94 1-2; two male teachers and one female teacher have been employed at a salary of $100 per month. The total number of children in County between the ages of six and twenty-one years are 519: of whom 250 are boys and 269 are girls: 213 have attended school and 240 can read and write.

PINAL COUNTY.

Cash on hand December 31, 1875, $1050 63. Received from Territorial School Fund, $283 22: from County School Fund, $822 59; contributions, $98 20. Total receipts, $2254 64.

Disbursements: Cash paid teachers, $500; for building school-house, and furniture, $751 65: for salary, $100. Total disbursements, $1351 65. Balance on hand December 31, 1876, $902 99.

There is 1 school in the County, 102 children are reported attending Public School with an average attendance of 69. A male teacher is employed at a salary of $140 per month. The total number of children in the County between the ages of six and twenty-one years is 249, of whom 127 are boys and 122 are girls; 120 are reported as having attended school, and 92 can read and write.

MARICOPA COUNTY.

Balance on hand December 31, 1875, $59 90. Cash received from Territorial School Fund, $703 84; from County School Fund, $954 13. Total receipts, $1717 87.

Disbursements: Cash paid teachers, $1271; for Superintendent, $100; for other expenses, $219 26. Total disbursements, $1590 26. Balance on hand December 31, 1876, 27 61.

There are 3 schools in the County. 69 children have d school, with an average daily attendance of 48. two male teachers employed and one female at a

salary of $75 per month. The total number of children in the County between the ages of six and twenty-one years is 223, of whom 115 are boys and 108 are girls; 69 are attending school and 119 can read and write.

MOHAVE COUNTY.

Balance on hand December 31, 1875, $420. Cash received from Territorial School Fund, $76; from County School Fund, $583 60. Total receipts, $1079 60.

Disbursements: Cash paid teachers, $425; for wood, water and old debts, $334 60; for salary Superintendent, $50. Total disbursements, $809 60. Balance on hand December 31, 1876, $270.

There is 1 school in the County; 17 children are reported attending the Public School, with an average daily attendance of 13; a female teacher has been employed at an average salary of $87 50 per month.

The whole number of children in the County, between the ages of six and twenty-one years, is reported at 43; of which 26 are boys and 17 are girls; 27 are reported attending school, and 31 can read and write.

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts from all sources by Counties during the year ending December 31, 1876, as follows:

Yavapai County	$17,339 30
Pima County	6,576 10
Yuma County	2,481 33
Pinal County	2,254 64
Maricopa County	1,717 87
Mohave County	1,079 60
Total Receipts	$31,448 84

The total disbursements by Counties for the year ending December 31, 1876, were as follows:

Yavapai County	$17,094 9
Pima County	5,570
Yuma County	2,[illegible]

Pinal County	1,351 65
Maricopa County	1,590 26
Mohave County	809 60
Total Disbursements	$28,744 44

The value of school-houses in the several Counties, is as follows:

Yavapai County, $20,000; Pima County, $11,700; Maricopa County, $3000; Yuma County, $1200; Pinal County, $1200; Mohave County, none. Total value of school-houses in the Territory, $37,100.

The value of school furniture in the several counties is as follows:

Pima County, $1600; Yavapai County, $1000; Yuma County, $400; Maricopa County, $325; Pinal County, $140; Mohave County, $75. Total value of school furniture in the Territory, $3540.

The value of school books, maps, charts, etc., in the several counties, is as follows:

Pima county, $800; Yavapai county, $500; Yuma county, $100; Maricopa county, $100; Pinal county, $90; Mohave county, none. Total value of school books, etc., $1590.

Total amount invested in the several counties in school-houses, furniture, books, maps and charts, $42,230.

The following table shows the number of children in the Territory between the ages of six and twenty-one years of age by counties, the number that have attended school, and the number that can read and write:

Counties	No Children	Attended School	Read and Write.
Pima County,	1282	575	712
Yavapai County,	639	237	256
Yuma County,	519	213	240
Maricopa County,	223	69	119
Pinal County,	249	102	120
Mohave County,	43	17	27
Total,	2955	1213	1474

In my last annual report the number of children between the ages of six and twenty-one years, was shown to be 2508; the number that could read and write was reported at 908, which shows an increase of 447 children in the Territory, and an increase of 566 of those who can read and write over the previous year.

I consider this remarkable decline in illiteracy the best argument that can be presented in favor of the Public School System.

It will be seen that very nearly fifty per cent. of the children in the Territory can now read and write. Considering the length of time our schools have been established and the many obstacles we have had to overcome, the situation is certainly very encouraging, but there is much yet to be done, and to bring the School System up to a standard, that will give to every child within the limits of the Territory a common school education, requires the ceaseless, active and united co-operation of every friend of free education.

Let the progress we have made serve as a stimulus to go on with the work until we can make the proud boast, that even Prussia, with only two and a half per cent. of its population that cannot read and write, does not excel us.

Very respectfully,

A. P. K. SAFFORD, Governor.